

Get Free Tax Help from Foundation Communities

2021 Tax Season is Just Around the Corner!

Our friends at Foundation Communities are offering free tax preparation through their Prosper Tax Help program. They are currently accepting clients for our tax preparation services, so sign up today.

They have an **online service platform** as well as limited in-person assistance at three locations in and around Austin:

- Prosper Center South: 2900 S. IH 35, Austin, TX, 78704
- Prosper Center North: 5900 Airport Blvd, Austin, TX, 78752
- Round Rock Public Library: 216 E Main St, Round Rock, TX, 78664

For more details on how to register for tax help, take a look at their **FLYER**:



Resident Council Reminder

Due to the continuing health risk of COVID-19, Resident Council Meetings for each property will continue to take place online, rather than in person. Please contact your property's Pathways staff member for detail on how to participate. You can view the resident council calendar, with contact information for each meeting, online at www.hacanet.org/residents/public-housing.



IMPORTANT HACA Phone Numbers

HACA Administration	(512) 477-4488
Resident Call Center	(888) 842-4484
Maintenance Work Orders	(512) 477-8518
Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher	(512) 477-1314
Fire/Police	call 911
Non-Emergency Police	call 311
Poison Center	(800) 222-1222
Quit Smoking	(877) 937-7848



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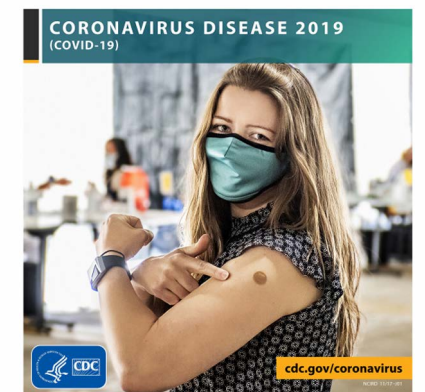
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COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

The COVID-19 vaccines will be the best path toward returning to a healthy and safe community. At the moment, vaccines remain in limited supply, so please continue to take the CDC's recommendations to stop the spread and stay safe, stay home if you do not feel well, and consult your medical provider with any specific questions or concerns.

Monitor future OneVoice newsletters and follow HACA on **Facebook** and **Twitter** for weekly updates and the latest COVID developments.



Who is Eligible to get Vaccinated at this Time?

Here is the latest statement about vaccine eligibility in Texas, taken directly from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

At this time, individuals in the Texas DSHS definition of Phase 1A and Phase 1B are eligible to be vaccinated. However, there is currently not enough vaccine supply in our area to meet the demand for everyone who falls within these categories.

- **Phase 1A:** Front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities
- **Phase 1B:** People 65 years of age and older; people 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19

As vaccine availability increases in 2021, people will be able to get vaccinated at doctor's offices, pharmacies, hospitals and other temporary sites. You should contact your regular provider of vaccines to see whether they will be a provider of the COVID-19 vaccine.

What's Next with the COVID-19 Vaccine in Texas

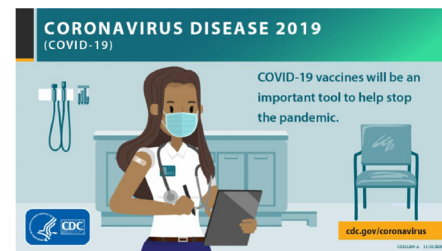


Additional Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine

Because HACA is not a medical services provider, it is vital that every HACA resident remain aware and informed about the latest on the COVID-19 vaccine in the Austin area.

We encourage everyone to:

- Stay in touch with your medical services provider on how to get vaccinated
- Follow local news for updates and new resources
- Check the Austin Public Health and DSHS websites for the latest, most accurate information about the COVID-19 vaccines, including how to sign up for waiting lists



Austin Public Health Website: www.austintexas.gov/covid19-vaccines

DSHS Website: www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/

If you cannot access a COVID-19 vaccine location because of problems with transportation, internet, email, or computers please call Austin Public Health at **512-972-5560**.

COVID Testing Coming to Four HACA Properties

Elite DNA Screening, a vetted partner, will be administering a saliva-based COVID-19 test at four HACA properties in February. Elite DNA Screening staff will be going door-to-door to give the test to any resident that is home and wishes to participate. The tests are free, and results will be given in 2 to 3 days.

Testing will take place at four properties according to the following schedule:

- **Lakeside: Feb. 3, Feb 10.**
- **Rosewood-Salina: Feb 4, Feb. 11**
- **Gaston Place: Feb 4, Feb. 11**
- **Northloop: Feb. 5, Feb 12**



Please note that these tests will be taken by collecting saliva in a small tube (as pictured). This method is easier and more comfortable to give than the nasal swab.

Stay Home, Wear Masks, Maintain Distance



Since the holidays, Austin/Travis County has been in Stage 5, which is the highest level for Community Risk. Early to mid-January saw positivity rates for COVID-19 rise, and space in hospitals became scarce. In other words, all HACA residents and staff **MUST** remain vigilant and follow the recommendations of health professionals at the CDC and on the local level with Austin Public Health.



Wearing masks continue to be your best method to protect yourself and others from catching or spreading COVID-19. Follow HACA on social media for up-to-date announcements about PPE giveaways, and you can contact the HACA Resident and Client Support Center if you have questions or need assistance finding masks. call **(512)588-8298** or email residentsupport@hacanet.org

Smoking is Not Permitted Inside Any HACA Building or Apartment

Property management has received complaints from resident council leaders indicating that there has been an increase in smoking inside units during the time of the pandemic. Please remember that HACA buildings and units are Smoke-Free. Residents are only permitted to smoke in designated smoking areas. Smoking in your home is a potential for lease enforcement for violating the policy.

1. All HACA properties remain smoke-free. Covid-19 has not changed this policy.
2. With more people staying home due to Covid-19, this is even more important for the health of all residents. We have more people at home not wanting to breathe the cigarette smoke from their neighbors.
3. Smokers can still smoke in designated smoking areas or on the sidewalks of City streets (but not on the sidewalks within the property).
4. The current CDC Eviction Moratorium only applies to non-payment of rent. The consequences for violating the smoke-free policy are still in place.



Smokers are also at a greater risk for serious side-effects due to COVID-19. If you need help quitting smoking, visit www.smokefree.gov today.